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TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: RFP K160 – Washington Health Program

The Health Care Authority's (HCA) procurement to provide a non-subsidized Basic Health offering by mid-2010 was unsuccessful. While six insurers notified HCA of their intent to bid on this non-subsidized product, no viable proposals were received and HCA is canceling the solicitation.

We are concerned that nearly 100,000 persons remain on the Basic Health waiting list and this list continues to grow. The list of those waiting may further increase as the 70,000 current subsidized Basic Health enrollees are in jeopardy of losing their coverage given the state's continued financial challenges.

We are committed to continue exploring our options to provide access to low income families who cannot obtain coverage through subsidized Basic Health. We expect to conduct a review of bidders' responses/reasons for not moving forward in the procurement process as well as exploring and discussing potential options.